

(WASHINGTON)--- Congressman Allen West released this statement today in reaction to the May jobs report:

"It has never been more evident that President Barack Obama has failed Americans. He has taken a situation that was bad and made it catastrophically worse. Today's jobs report marks the 40th consecutive month of eight percent unemployment, the longest sustained period of such unemployment since the Great Depression, and the worst economic recovery in United States history. Despite assuring Americans that his plans of growing government and raising taxes will help the economy, the President's policies result in just the opposite as the unemployment rate continues to increase, now at 8.2 percent, and families continue to struggle. The economy picked up only 69,000 jobs in May, well below even the lowest expectations.

President Obama continues to disappoint the American people without any real solutions for how to turn this country around. Instead, he continues to campaign full time and ignore the dismal reality facing most families. It is simply unacceptable. Republicans have sent more than 30 jobs bills to the Senate, which continue to sit on Democrat Senate Leader Harry Reid's desk. These bills will put Americans back to work. However, instead of signing them, the Democrats and this Administration continue to play politics with American lives.

The President has a clear vision for this country, and it includes job-killing overregulation, increased taxes, and a healthcare plan that has already had devastating affects on the economy, and it has not been fully implemented yet.

Americans deserve a response from President Obama on today's somber jobs report, a response that does not point the finger or blame, but takes responsibility for the three and a half years he has been in office, without anything to show for it in the way of improving American lives or building confidence in this economy."